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SUBJECT: QUICHE AIR CRASH

REF GUATEMALA 7897 AND 7898 (SENT DEPT ONLY)

1. DR. JOSEPH R. CAIN, FIELD DIRECTOR,
DIRECT RELIEF
FOUNDATION, MAY CONTACT AID MISSIONS ADDRESSEE POSTS.
IF SO, PLEASE INFORM HIM THAT PASSPORTS TO TWO DRF
VOLUNTEERS, ERNEST COLE AND
LARRY SAWYER, WERE FOUND IN
WRECKAGE OF SMALL PLANE THAT CRASHED IN QUICHE DEPARTMENT
NOVEMBER 20. THEY WERE NOT ON PASSENGER MANIFEST AND
NOT YET POSSIBLE CONFIRM WHETHER THEY WERE ON PLANE. ALL
PERSONS ON PLANE KILLED.

2. DRF HEADQUARTERS IN SANTA BARBARA SAYS OTHER PERSONS WHOSE
DOCUMENTS FOUND AT CRASH SITE WERE NOT DRF EMPLOYEES.
MARYKNOLL FATHERS IN GUATEMALA CITY SAY THAT THEY ARE QTE
REASONABLY CERTAIN UNQTE THAT COLE AND SWAYER ARE SAFE AT
ISOLATED AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE IN EFAN, QUICHE, AND
THAT FATHER WOODS, PILOT OF PLANE, WAS SIMPLY CARRYING
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THEIR PASSPORTS

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BACK TO THEM FROM GUATEMALA CITY.
MARYKNOLLERS ATTEMPTING CONFIRM COLE AND SAWYER WHERE-
ABOUTS BY CONTACTING NEIGHBORING COOPERATIVE WHICH
HAS RADIO. WE WILL REPORT ANY NEW INFORMATION SOONEST.

3. MARYKNOLLERS WHO WITNESSED PLANE TAKEOFF SAY THERE
WERE ONLY FIVE PERSONS ON BOARD AND THAT THEY DO NOT BELIEVE
PLANE LANDED ANYWHERE ELSE TO
TAKE ON OTHER PERSONS.

RADIO CONTACTS WITH OTHER MARYKNOLL COOPERATIVES WHERE
PLANE
MIGHT HAVE LANDED HAVE ALL BEEN NEGATIVE. THEREFORE
MARYKNOLLERS BELIEVE THOSE KILLED WERE FIVE SHOWN ON
MANIFEST (WOODS, GAUKER, KERNDT, PUIG, AND YOUNG),
EXCEPT THAT THEY BELIEVE "R. YOUNG" IS GARBLE FOR MICHAEL
DAVIA OKADA. ACCORDING TO MARYKNOLL FATHERS, OKADA'S
FATHER AND MOTHER ARE BOTH EMPLOYED BY CARELON COLLEGE,
NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA. BOSTER

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